

# IASC Humanitarian Financing Task Team

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## MEETING AGENDA

1. Update on WHS (including HLP and GB)
2. Retreat planning and a discussion on HFTT activities until the revision of HFTT work plan in September
3. ECOSOC side event on financing
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## MEETING NOTES

### 1. Update on WHS (including HLP and GB)

**Co-chair/OCHA:** WHS went very well and exceeded expectations. There were 9,000 participants; 173 member states represented; 7 High Level Leaders' Roundtables; 15 Special Sessions; 291 speakers at the Announcement Plenary; and 130 side events.

The round table on ending needs had the highest number of online participants and the highest number of individual commitments.

Some other highlights included the launch of 'Education Cannot Wait' fund, which galvanized an initial commitment of \$90 million; agreement on shift in mind-set from funding emergencies to mobilizing finance for prevention and response; and inauguration of new humanitarian sukuk (social impact bond) as well as waqf (endowment fund) for humanitarian action.

Significant pledges were made by many participants. Kuwait pledged US\$150 million over the next 15 years and the United Arab Emirates promised to increase its humanitarian aid budget by 15% by 2020. World Bank and European Investment Bank pledged assistance and launched global financing platform.

The next steps are: Commitments to Action document will be published in July summarizing the commitments made under each of the five core responsibilities; In September, the Secretary-General will report to the General Assembly on the achievements of the Summit and propose ways on how to take commitments forward; and in due course, all individual and joint commitments made will be reflected on a publicly accessible online commitments platform.

WHS secretariat will scale down and cease operations by October. It is not yet clear what the follow up process will look like.

**OCHA/HLP:** There are several follow up meetings on the GB planned. This week, there will be ODSG meeting in Stockholm followed by EDG meeting on Friday. A lot of heavy discussions and hopefully decisions will take place over the next two weeks. There are many new members of the GB, including five member states, NGOs and UN agencies.

**DI:** who are the new members of the GB?

**OCHA/HLP:** The new members include: Bulgaria, Estonia, Luxemburg, Italy, Czech Republic, UN Women, UNFPA, IRC and CARE.

**FAO:** Even though the Global Preparedness Partnership that was launched is seen as part of commitments 4 and 5, it falls under the financing as well. It is not an exclusive mechanism and other actors are welcome to join. It was a soft launch and the details will be decided in a workshop in the early July.

**Co-chair/ICVA:** we are looking into WHS commitments and work on ways in which local actors could benefit from them. What is expected of NGOs if they were to endorse the GB? What does it mean for them?

**OCHA/HLP:** We are opening a new chapter in the work on the GB. As we move on, those who are carrying it forward need to answer these questions. We expect a plan of action on how the individual commitments will be achieved.

**UNICEF:** Harmonized and simplified reporting is on the agenda of EDGs. There is an overlap with the work by the HFTT.

**Co-chair/ICVA:** Yes, it is an overlap. EDGs want to follow up on it and want to do a study in Lebanon. ICVA will be co-chairing this item.

**FAO:** EDGs are discussing the follow up on the GB. Question is whether EDGs are the right forum to work on it. EDGs are important when it comes to operationalization but it is felt that the follow up on the GB should be done through many groups, not only EDGs. HFTT should be involved as well.

## 2. Retreat planning and a discussion on HFTT activities until the revision of HFTT work plan in September

**Co-chair/ICVA:** The retreat has been postponed and new proposed timing is mid-September. Several activities in our work plan are linked to the GB and the process will not be concluded by the initially planned retreat date.

**OCHA/IASC:** The WG will discuss the revision of its work plan in the upcoming meeting on 7 July. However, it will not be possible to fully revise the work plan yet as the outcomes of WHS and GB are still being shaped. As for the Principals, they reaffirmed the importance of IASC structures and are looking into the concept of the new way of working. It is still unclear what does it entail.

If there is anything that you are already in the position to revise in the HFTT work plan to reflect the outcomes of WHS and GB, you should take it forward. But if more time is needed to gain more clarity on some of the activities, it is perfectly understandable.

**Co-chair/ICVA:** There is a lot to add to our work plan on local partners and there is a lot we could work with on donor conditions. But there are also other areas that are still unclear. There are several ways in which we could approach the revision of our work plan. We could do the retreat in September, try to revise the work plan virtually, or do a combination of the two approaches.

**Co-chair/OCHA:** the strength of this task team has always been in our ability to take our work forward. Our members should continue working on their priorities without waiting until the work plan is revised.

**FAO:** Supports the idea of dedicated sessions virtually. The humanitarian-development piece is still not clearly articulated. There are on-going efforts in other forums to take this work forward and HFTT co-chairs should be involved in these discussions related to comprehensive financing solutions, together with co-chairs of these groups.

**UNDP:** HFTT co-chairs should not only engage on this with the co-chairs of UNDG but also with the co-chairs of the task team on humanitarian-development nexus. It seems like a lot of work on humanitarian-development financing is done by this task team.

**FAO:** The UNDG transitions group and humanitarian-development nexus group are set to convene a joint session. There is also an ongoing work on humanitarian-development financing done by the UNDP-MPTF and the World Bank. It is important that HFTT co-chairs tie into this discussion. We should be involved specifically in the financing and mapping.

**OCHA/FCS:** Organising virtual meetings on the revision of HFTT work plan is a good idea but we should not dismiss the idea of the retreat in person. It helped us by being in the same room to identify linkages between different objectives in January. We will not achieve this through virtual meetings. We could do virtual meetings to accelerate the workshop but it is still important to have it. We have our strong identity as a group. We should not only be the operationalisers of WHS and GB but we should continue thinking independently beyond WHS. Many outcomes of WHS had already been discussed by this group before WHS came to be.

**Co-chair/ICVA:** If we were to move forward with both the virtual meetings and the retreat in September, how about we have our first discussion on donor conditions in June?

**FAO:** September is not a great time to organise the retreat. Those who are involved in migration will be in NY at that time but most members of the HFTT will not.

**OCHA/HFTT Secretariat:** Proposed that we go ahead with virtual consultations and as the outcomes of them start shaping, we will be in a better position to decide on the timing and scope of the retreat.

**Co-chair/ICVA:** Agreed with the proposal and added that the first meeting on donor conditions could happen on 1 July.

**FAO:** The localization piece has huge implications and it would merit a full day discussion.

### 3. ECOSOC side event on financing

**Co-chair/ICVA:** Many thanks to DI for working on behalf of HFTT on our ECOSOC side event on financing. Co-chairs of GHD (Germany and Australia) are interested in joining. We have a slot at ECOSOC on Monday evening. Several HFTT members will be present.

**DI:** The focus of this event will be on keeping the momentum from WHS going. The key elements are transparency of data, humanitarian financing and multi – year funding. Kristalina Georgieva will be chairing and we have several panellists including Germany, Adesso and one of the RC/HCs. Some panellists are not confirmed yet.

**Co-chair/ICVA:** The main objective of this side event is that it is the first time we will have an opportunity to reflect on what are the implications of WHS. We want concrete results oriented suggestions on how WHS commitments can be taken forward. We also want to work together with GHD better.

### 4. AOB

**OCHA/FCS:** ECOSOC side event on pooled funds will take place on 28 June at 1.15 to 2.45. It is organized jointly by FCS and CERF with the objective to promote pooled funds and their value added to the humanitarian financing.

There will be discussions on the strategic value of pooled funds, changes that should be considered and concrete ways in which pooled funds can contribute to delivering the GB. The panel will be chaired by the ERC.

OCHA - NGO dialog platform on pooled funds will take place on 22 June in Geneva. It will include discussions on WHS commitments and donor conditions. The following week on 30 June, there will be the Pooled Funds Working Group in NY with discussions on the commitments from the round table on financing and on boosting the nimbleness CBPFs.

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